GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR CEREALS AND PULSES .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minimum Support Prices for cereals and pulses are on the constant increase during the last five years;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase during 2001-2002 over 2000-2001;

(c) whether the oilseed has recorded increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 9.8% over previous year whereas Copra (both Mill and Ball qualities) have recorded only a meager 1.4% increase;

(d) if so, whether the Government would adopt a more uniform policy on MSP considering the plight of plantation crops growers in the South; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The minimum support prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities areusually fixed each season on higher level as compared to previous season. A statement showing the MSPs for major agricultural commodities fixed by the Government during the last five years is enclosed. The statement also shows the percentage increase during 2001-02 over 2000-01

(d) & (e): The MSPs of major agricultural commodities are fixed each season on thebasis of the recommendations of the CACP, views of State Governments and concerned central ministries as well as such other relevant factors which in the opinion of the Government are important for fixation of support prices. The MSPs of majoragricultural commodities announced by the Government are uniform through out the country. MSP of copra, in absolute terms, in 2001-02 was accorded a higher increase over MSP of 2000-01 than many crops like cereals, certain oilseeds and jute etc.

Annexure

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (ACCORDING TO CROP YEAR)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No	Commodity	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	Increase in 2001-02 over 2000-01 Absolute	% age
1	Paddy Common	415	440	490	510	530	20	3.9
	Grade `A`	445	470	520	540	560	20	3.7
2	Coarse Cereals (Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize)	360	390	415	445	485	40	9.0
3	Wheat	510x	550	580	610	620	10	1.6
4	Barley	350	385	430	500	500	0	0.0
5	Gram	815	895	1015	1100	1200	100	9.1
6	Arhar	900	960	1105	1200	1320	120	10.0
7	Moong	900	960	1105	1200	1320	120	10.0
8	Urad	900	960	1105	1200	1320	120	10.0
9	Masur (lentil)	%			1200	1300	100	8.3
10	Sugarcane	@	48.45	52.70	56.10	59.50	62.05	2.55 4.3
11	Cotton F-414/H-777/J34		1330	1440	1575	1625	1675	50 3.1

	H-4	1530	1650	1775	1825	1875	50	2.7
12	Groundnut-in-shell	980	1040	1155	1220	1340	120	9.8
13	Jute	570	650	750	785	810	25	3.2
14	Rapeseed/Mustard	940	1000	1100	1200	1300	100	8.3
15	Sunflower Seed	1000	1060	1155	1170	1185	15	1.3
16	Soybean Black	670	705	755	775	795	20	2.6
	Yellow	750	795	845	865	885	20	2.3
17	Safflower	910	990	1100	1200	1300	100	8.3
18	Toria	905	965	1065	1165	1265	100	8.6
19	Tobacco (VFC)							
	Black Soil (F2Gr)	20.50	22.50	25.00	26.00	27.00	1	3.8
	(Rs. per kg.)							
	Light Soil (L2 Gr)	23.50	25.50	27.00	28.00	29.00	1	3.6
20	Copra Milling	2700	2900	3100	3250	3300	50	1.5
	(Calender Year) Ball	2925	3125	3325	3500	3550	50	1.4
21	Sesamum	950	1060	1205	1300	1400	100	7.7
22	Nigerseed	800	850	915	1025	1100	75	7.3

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

X Including a central bonus of Rs.55.00 per quintal payable from 01.04.98 to 30.06.98

% The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.